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NOTES AND QUERIES

VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The following circular, prepared by the Executive Committee of this Society early in November, 1920, explains itself. As this note is written (Nov. 26) we are glad to report that a very encouraging beginning has been made in securing new members. The Committee intends that the canvass shall continue and asks the aid of all members and friends of the Society. We have felt for years the need of larger funds.

Since the statement of last year, quoted in the circular, bequests received or soon to be in hand, have increased the endowment fund to \$18,000.00.

The income of the Society in the past has averaged \$4,000.00. If, from an increased membership, or (a more permanent addition) from an increased endowment, we could have \$6,000.00 a year, the work of the Society would be greatly aided.

With this increase the affairs of the Society would have to be administered in a careful and economical way, but it would enable us to insure the publication of the Magazine, would permit us to employ a very much needed Assistant Secretary and Librarian, and to keep our building, library and collections in much better order and make them of greater value and interest to members of the Society and visitors to our home.

"THE VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

This Society was organized in 1831 with Chief Justice Marshall as the first President.

From that date until the present time it has done a great work in the preservation and publication of source material for Virginia history. For twenty-seven years it has been publishing the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography. The value of this publication (which is sent to all members without additional charge) is best shown by the use historians have made of it.

Like other historical societies of the Eastern States, ours has no State support, but is dependent upon the dues of members, sales of publications and the income from its endowment, now about \$14,000.

Though the Society has never been able, on account of its small income, to meet fully the ideals of its members, it has, through

careful and economical management, been able to continue its admirable work, and even to have a small surplus at the end of each year.

Now, however, the great increase in the cost of printing leaves us with a possible deficit of six or seven hundred dollars, if we continue our Magazine as it now is.

As the Magazine is the most important work of the Society, our Board is determined that its volume shall not be lessened by great reduction in size. We have also come to the conclusion that it is not advisable to raise the dues.

Gifts to the endowment fund would be the most permanent form of aid, and we shall be glad to receive these; but we think the quickest form of relief is to secure a considerable number of new members.

The dues of annual members are \$5.00, and of life members \$50.00. Each class receives the Magazine without additional charge.

Those who may become members will not only be aiding us in a most valuable work, but will receive, for their dues, full consideration in the Magazine."

THE VIRGINIA WAR HISTORY COMMISSION.

We are gratified to be able to announce that an arrangement has been made between this Society and the Virginia War History Commission by which the latter organization, beginning with the January, 1921, number of our Magazine, will have a 32-page supplement in each number as long as the Commission may deem necessary. These supplements will contain accounts of the progress of the Commission's work and much other matter of great value and interest in regard to Virginia's part in the World War.

WAR NOTES.

During the Fall of 1920 two Virginians received the Distinguished Service Cross for service in the recent war.

The first was Captain Ewart Johnston, of Winchester, who commanded Company L, 116th infantry, composed largely of Lynchburg men, in the Meuse-Argonne offensive and in the Alsace sector. The decoration was "for extraordinary heroism in action during the attack on Malbrouck hill and Consenvoye woods, north of Verdun, France, Oct. 8, 1918. Captain Johnston led his company through heavy machine gun and artillery fire in the attack to his objective. Upon reaching a position scheduled for a passage of the lines he located a strong enemy position. Upon his own initiative he led

his company in a bayonet attack and captured about 200 prisoners."

The other was Lt. Col. Jennings C. Wise, formerly of Richmond, now of Washington, D. C.

The citation accompanying the award of the war cross was as follows:

"Award of distinguished service cross. By direction of the President under the provisions of the act of congress, approved July 9, 1918 (Bul. No. 43, W. D., 1918), a distinguished service cross was awarded by the war department to the following named officer:

Jennings C. Wise, lieutenant-colonel, 318th infantry, Eightieth division. For extraordinary heroism in action during the Meuse-Argonne offensive near Nantillois, France, on Oct. 4, 1918. Lieutenant-Colonel Wise, then major, while gallantly leading his battalion in the attack was painfully wounded by a shell fragment. He refused to be evacuated, but continued to successfully command his battalion in advance against strong enemy resistance until his battalion was relieved on Oct. 7. Residence at appointment: 'Garra-lan,' Richmond, Va."

ROLL OF HONOR—CORRECTION.

(See this Magazine XXVII, 244)

Lt. Edward Walker, of the American Red Cross, died from typhus fever at Kavalla, Macedonia, March 3, 1919. His home should be given as Blacksburg, Virginia; and his mother is Mrs. A. C. Walker, Weyers Cave, Virginia.

MINERAL LANDS IN ALBEMARLE COUNTY.

Albemarle County. Deed Book No. 1, page 164. 25 Mar. 1748.

John Warren of St. Annes Parish am bound unto James Warren of the same, James Warren the younger of Lunenburg County, Betty wife of Matthew Whittle, Sarah wife of Charles Caffrey, Eleanor wife of John Rucker and Grace Warren, the four last named being of St. Annes parish Albemarle County in the sum of £1000 to be paid in equal proportions to the said James Warren, Betty Whittle, Sarah Caffrey, Eleanor Rucker and Grace Warren their attorneys executors or assigns to which payment I bind myself my heirs forever.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden John Warren shall pay or cause to be paid unto the above James Warren, Betty Whittle, Sarah Caffrey, Eleanor Rucker and Grace Warren six eighth parts in equal proportions one eighth to each of the neat product of all mines and minerals that now are or

hereafter shall be discovered on a tract of two hundred and seventy six acres of land surveyed for the said John Warren on the North side of Buffalo Ridge in the aforesaid Parish of St. Annes in Albemarle County the charge of working the said mines and minerals and the sum of £200 only excepted During the term of their natural lives and shall afterwards for the space of one thousand years to be completed and ended from the death of the survivor of them the said James Warren, Betty Whittle, Sarah Caffrey, Eleanor Rucker & Grace Warren pay or cause to be paid yearly and every year at the day of the Feast of St. Michael to the heirs of the aforesaid James Warren, Betty Whittle, Sarah Caffrey, Eleanor Rucker and Grace Warren lawfully issuing from their bodys the above mentioned proportion of one eighth part of the clear or neat produce of the aforesaid mines and minerals to the heirs of each of them according to their parent stocks then this obligation to be void and of no effect otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Witnesses:

John X Warren, his mark

Joshua Fry

John Harvie

John Caffrey

At a Court held 13 February 1749 this Bond was Proved by Joshua Fry and John Harvie two of the witnesses. [Contributed by Mrs. Augusta B. Fothergill.]

NOTES FROM THE RECORDS OF RICHMOND COUNTY—

(1) Deed for 300 acres formerly conveyed by Mr. Aumaree [Amory] Butler to Mr. William Underwood as marrying the sister of said Mr. Butler, and now made over to him by exchange with Mrs. Elizabeth Coumbs as the thirds of lands belonging to her, and with her consent, to William Underwood, Jr., John Coumbs and William Coumbs, said William Underwood, Jr. (x) sells his share to William Thomas, of Washington parish, Westmoreland County, Dec. 11, 1692.

(2) Deed from Joseph Bickley of Rappahannock County, conveying 100 acres on the north side of Rappahannock River. His wife, Mary, joins in the deed, March 30, 1692.

(3) Deed from Alexander Doniphan and Margaret his wife for land she inherited from her father (George Mott), 1693.

(4) Deed from John Fosaker, of Rappahannock County, for lands granted in 1670, from John —— [copy torn], the last being her father, Sept. 1693.

(5) Deed from William Barber, of North Farnham parish, Richmond Co., to John Newton of Copley [Cople] parish, Westmoreland, land on Totuskey Creek.

(6) Deed, Sept. 27, 1693, from Arthur Spicer and Elizabeth his wife, daughter and heiress of Thomas Jones, deceased.

(7) Dec. 7, 1704, attachment granted to William Barber, sheriff of Richmond County, against the estate of Katherine Henderken.

(8) Suit by William Barber and Joyce his wife *vs* Samuel Sanford, Dec. 7, 1704.

(9) Sept. 11, 1705, certificate to Capt. William Barber to obtain grant of 250 acres.

(10) Deed from Charles Barber and Frances his wife, to Austin Brockenbrough, conveying 240 acres, Nov. 1, 1709.

(11) Deed from Charles Barber and Frances his wife, Sept. 4, 1710, conveying 50 acres in Richmond county, formerly granted to his father, William Barber, deceased, and by him bequeathed to the said Charles Barber.

(12) Deed Oct. 3, 1710, from William Barber and Joyce his wife, of Richmond County, to their son Samuel Barber, conveying 426 acres, 300 acres of which was purchased by Thomas Robinson, grandfather of said Joyce, in 1656.

(13) Deed, Dec. 3, 1723, from Charles Barber to Thomas Barber, conveying 300 acres in Richmond County on Totuskey Creek, formerly belonging to William Barber, father of the said Charles Barber.

(14) Deed, 1699, from William Barber and Joyce his wife, to Rawleigh Travers, conveying land on Totuskey Creek.

(15) Deed, July 7, 1697, from Elizabeth Gardner, widow, of St. Mary's County, Maryland, daughter and heiress of John Weire, late of Rappahannock Co., deceased, conveying 2502 acres in Richmond Co., granted to John Weir, June 6, 1666.

(16) Deed, 1698, from Charles Cale to William Downing, conveying land patented by Thomas Stephens and left to Charles Cale by his brother Nathaniel Cale.

(17) Deed, June 5, 1699, from Edward Bray, of Richmond Co., nephew and heir of Richard Bray, late of said county, deceased, to John King, of Bristol, merchant.

(18) Deed from William Woodbridge to Morris McCathlin [Maclathlin], conveying land given Elizabeth Woodbridge, now wife of said McCathlin by her father Paul Woodbridge, deceased. Dec. 10, 169—.

(19) Deed, July 20, 1720, from Francis Kenner to his brother Matthew Kenner.

(20) Will of Job Webb; Cousin John, son of my brother Thomas Webb, Cousin John, son of William Berry, Cousin Sarah Berry and Elizabeth Webb, dated Jan. 16, 1720, proved Feb. 15, 1720-21. (Possibly a Northumberland Co. will noted here by mistake).

(21) Deed, January 6, 1756, from William Barber and Elizabeth his wife to Samuel Barber, 231 acres in Richmond County, where said William Barber now lives, being the same land devised to the said William Barber by his father, Charles Barber, deceased.

(22) Deed, April 29, 1756, from Ann Barber and her son Thomas Barber, 114 acres to Charles Jones.

(23) Deed, Sept. 3, 1756, from Ann Barber and Thomas Barber, executors of Thomas Barber, gent., deceased, in pursuance of his will, make conveyance to George Grayden.

(24) Deed, May 26, 1792, from Samuel Barber and Katherine his wife, and William Barber and Elizabeth his wife, of Culpeper County, conveying 80 acres in Richmond County, to George Northen.

(25) Deed, Jan. 4, 1747, from Thomas Barber and Ann his wife.

(26) Deed, June 7, 1736, from Thomas Barber, as sheriff of Richmond County.

(27) Deed, Oct. 3, 1768, from Wm. Barber and Elizabeth his wife, and William Barber, Jr., and Elizabeth his wife, conveying 80 acres on Totuskey Creek, to Griffin Garland.

(28) Deed from James Orchard to William Barber, of Richmond County, conveying 533 acres in Richmond County on Rappahannock Creek [date omitted in note].

(29) Deed, May 4, 1692, from Sarah Suggett, widow, to William Barber, Sr., of Richmond Co., and Rawleigh Travers, Sr., of Northumberland County.

(30) Deed, June 6, 1763, from Charles Barber and Mary his wife, to William Smith, conveying the land where said Barber lives.

(31) Deed, Nov. 14, 1763, from William Barber to his son William Barber.

(32) Bond, June 5, 1764, from William Barber, of King George County, gent., to John Woodbridge, of Richmond County, in penalty of £500 current money, to secure said Woodbridge, who, some time before was security for said Barber as tobacco inspector at Totuskey.

(33) Deed, May 4, 1715, from William Barber, gent., of Richmond Co., to Charles Lewis and Mary his wife, eldest daughter of said Barber.

(34) Will of Thomas Barber, of Lunenburg parish, Richmond Co., dated Dec. 8, 1753, proved May 6, 1754, ——— wife, son and daughters; Wife, son Thomas, Mr. Ajalon Price and Samuel Barber, executors.

(35) Division of estate of Thomas Barber, Jan. 8, 1757, between Thomas, Betty, Ann, Catherine and Lucy Barber.

(36) Will of Samuel Barber ——— my Aunt Lewis, Mary wife of Charles Beale and Sarah wife of Charles Mortimer (my mother's and grandmother's rings), William Brockenbrough, William Mins, Samuel Kelsick, Younger Kelsick. Dated Oct. 10, 1760, proved May 4, 1761.

(37) Will of Mary Kelsick ——— son Richard Kelsick my land in Culpeper, if he should return to Virginia from which he has been absent several years. If he does not return, to Sir Jonathan Beckwith, to sell for the benefit of the following persons: My son and my four daughters, Ellenor Barnes, Isabella Barber, Elizabeth Younger and Rebecca Beckwith. Rest of estate to be equally divided between my daughters. Dated Aug. 15, 1784, proved July 7, 1794.

(She was daughter of John Smith of Richmond County, who left her property by his will dated 172—).